

The reduction of overnight service hours @ MHT will be a great hindrance to those of us who actually fly at night, the working sector of aviation. More than a dozen times in less than 2 years I, myself, have had to use MHT as my alternate when the entire state of Maine has gone well below minimums, due to fog. Keep in mind I am only one pilot out there, & there are infact others like myself trying to deliver bankchecks & expedited overnight freight in a safe, timely manner. An example of the problem this will present is the Portland Jetport, which is closed from 0000 to 0545 lcl. Our approach capabilities in extremely low IFR weather is already reduced from 2400 RVR to 1/2 mile, due to the lack of a controller onboard to call out RVR's and having to rely upon automated weather systems. Now I know a couple 100 feet may not seem like much, but it really does make all the difference. Closing MHT tower during overnight operations would greatly reduce the ability of companies such as Alpha Flying, AirNow, Wiggins Airways, FedEx, UPS, AirNet Systems, Twin Cities Air Service, Air Transport, SkyBright, & the many passenger airlines & charter & on demand freight services serving central & northern New England to complete their business.